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distribution of foodgrains procured in India or in supplying the foodgrain producers at concessional prices manures, fertilizers and other commodities essential for production of foodgrains. In September, 1948, as a result of the recontol policy, while continuing the bonus to Provinces and extending its application to States it was decided by the Cabinet that the bonus will be earmarked for increasing food production.

2. The bonus is thus in ended to achieve a twofold object, firstly of greater production and secondly of increased procurement. The schemes on which the bonus earned can be spent by Provinces/States should, therefore, conform to these objects except in respect of bonus earned by Provinces for the period December, 1947 to September, 1948 where it can also be utilised on losses, if any incurred on the distribution of locally procured foodgrains. It is also permissible to utilise the bonus on Schemes of reclamation by mechanical means and cost of any extension service that the Province/State may introduce, or the cost of any special minor irrigation scheme not to be financed from Grow More Food Fund or the cost of any organisation which the Province/State may set up for making available in adequate quantities the day to day requirements of the cultivator such as implements, manures, fertilizers, bullocks, buckets, C.I. Sheets and the like. Any general schemes of subsidy in regard to manure or implements which directly reduce the cost of production would also qualify for participation. The provincial share of the expenditure on the Grow More Food Schemes is, however, not eligible for being financed from the money earned by the food bonus.

3. It is requested that consistently with the objects

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stated above, schemes which the Provinces/States desire to be financed from the food bonus may be prepared as early as possible indicating among other things the expected additional production for approval of Food and Agriculture Ministries of the Central Government. In the letter forwarding schemes a statement may also be attached showing the money, if any, that has already been drawn by the Province/State in respect of procurement and export bonus, the amount that has accrued to them till the end of June, 1949, and the amount that is likely to be payable to them up to the end of the financial year, 1949-50.

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